GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department- Renewal of mining lease over an extent of 5.92 Ha in Compartment No.218 of Veerisettipalle "B" RF, Chittoor (West) Division for Black Granite Quarry lease, in favour of M/s. Nagamani Granites, Chittoor - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 75 **Dated: 08-11-2017.**

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF& HoFF, AP, Lr Rc.No.33049/2013/FCA-2, Dt.2-08-2016.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.4579/Section-II/2016, Dt.9-9-2016.
3. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr.No.F.No.4-APB021/2016-CHN/0186, Dt.6-2-2017.
4. State Govt. Lr.No. 4579/Section-II/2016, Dt.22-8-2017.
5. From GoI, MoEF& C.C, Lr. F No. 4-APC021/2016-CHN/1508, Dt.18-9-2017

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh in his letter 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for renewal of mining lease over an extent of 5.92 Ha in Compartment No.218 of Veerisettipalle "B" RF, Chittoor (West) Division for Black Granite Quarry lease, in favour of M/s. Nagamani Granites, Chittoor and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, for according necessary approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above.

3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, vide their letter 3rd read above, have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions as stipulated therein. Accordingly, the State Government vide letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, while according in-principle (Stage-I) approval.

4. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in their letter 5th read above, have accorded (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for renewal of mining lease over an extent of 5.92 Ha in Compartment No.218 of Veerisettipalle "B" RF, Chittoor (West) Division for Black Granite Quarry lease, in favour of M/s. Nagamani Granites, Chittoor, subject to certain conditions.

5. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for renewal of mining lease over an extent of 5.92 Ha in Compartment No.218 of Veerisettipalle "B" RF, Chittoor (West) Division for Black Granite Quarry lease, in favour of M/s. Nagamani Granites, Chittoor, subject to the following conditions:-

i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

ii. Safety zone shall be maintained as green belt along the outer boundary within the mining lease and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration shall be taken in this area by the user agency at the project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department.

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iii. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency.

iv. Afforestation on degraded forest land, to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and half times the area under safety zone shall also be done by the user agency at the project cost under the supervision of State Forest Department. The DGPS co-ordinates of the area shall be furnished;

v. The Mining shall be done in the forest area in accordance with the approved mining plan from the competent authority;

vi. User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per Provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;

vii. Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period of 10 years or co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) amendment Act, 2015, or Rules framed there under whichever is earlier.

viii. Reclamation work in the mining area shall be taken up by the user agency in a phased manner;

ix. The consent of Andhra Pradesh State Pollution Control Board shall be obtained under the Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operation and it shall be renewed annually;

x. User Agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from outer perimeter of the mining lease;

xi. User Agency shall undertake de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks / water bodies whenever required;

xii. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land. User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;

xiii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.

xiv. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

xv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 5.92 ha (including safety zone area).

xvi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency or Department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.

xvii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the Regional Office of the Ministry and to the State Government;

xviii. All other conditions proposed by the State Government at the time of submission of the proposal to the Central Government shall be complied with by the User Agency;

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xix. Any other conditions that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.

xx. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER